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(*d*) the causes for the disappearance of the bad smell in the water supplied to the City of Madras; and

(*e*) whether the Government have sanctioned any grants or loan to the Corporation of Madras for the purchase of plants for the purification of the city water-supply?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The level of the Red Hills Lake on 7th April 1954 was 42·25 feet against the full tank level of 45·86 feet.

"(*b*) About 23 million gallons of water is now supplied to the City.

" (*c*) The supply of the city is still restricted during the day time as with the available filter beds, it is possible to filter only about 23 million gallons a day.

" (*d*) The Corporation has taken precautionary measures to prevent the bad smell developing in the water by applying sufficient dosage of chlorine to the raw water and filter beds as and when they are found producing hydrogen sulphide, by sterilizing the trunk mains, and by scouring the distribution system periodically.

" (*e*) No, Sir."

Dispute between the workers and management of the Race Club, Guindy.

* 1209 *Q*.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the Guindy Race Course Labour Union, Madras, requesting the Government to refer the dispute between the workers and the management of the Race Club to a Labour Tribunal for adjudication; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter is under examination."

(Some hon. Members were seen rising up in their seats and indicating their desire to put supplementaries.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" I must tell the House that I have placed before the House 50 questions to-day. I have received answers for about 400 questions. After this sitting, the House will meet only in November next. I want to place before the House 100 questions a day."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. There is one humble submission. On July 28th, 41 workers were retrenched and the Police Sub-Inspector and Police Sergeant of Saidapet and some constables came there and forcibly made the workers take their arrears of wages. This is an extraordinary thing. I therefore want to discuss this question and request that a half-hour debate may be allowed."

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, that question does not arise out of the main question."

Assignment of house-sites to Harijans in Cuddalore taluk.

* 1210 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Harijan families who have applied for house-sites paying their share of the amount into the treasury and waiting for orders of acquisition and assignment of lands from the year 1948 in Cuddalore taluk;

(*b*) the number of families that are given the benefit of housing facilities in Cuddalore taluk up to the year ending 31st December 1953; and

(*c*) the causes for the delay on the Government side to acquire and assign house-sites to the Harijans even on payment of costs?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) 54.

" (*b*) 56.

" (*c*) The reasons for the delay are under investigation by the Collector of South Arcot."

Opening of a First-grade College for Women at Cannanore.

* 1211 *Q*.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any memorandum (No. G1/54, dated 6th January 1954) from the Municipal High School Parents' Association, Cannanore, regarding the opening of a First-grade College for Women at Cannanore, and if so, whether the Government propose to consider the same at present, and if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to starred question No. 717 answered on 12th May 1954."

Construction of houses by Government or with the aid of Government in the City.

* 1212 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of houses constructed by the Government or with the aid of the Government in the City of Madras in the year 1952;

(*b*) the total amount spent for the year;

(*c*) the number of houses occupied by Harijans, and

(*d*) how many homeless and Non-Gazetted Officers' families belonging to all the communities occupied those houses?